

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: To Be Assigned : Examiner:  
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FOR: DATA RECORDING/REPRODUCING :  
APPARATUS AND PROGRAM :  
RECORDING MEDIUM :

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 1:

A1  
CONCL. THIS APPLICATION IS A U.S. NATIONAL PHASE APPLICATION OF  
PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PCT/JP00/07448.

✓ Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 6:

A2  
CONCL. One aspect of the present invention is a data recording/reproducing  
apparatus, comprising:

✓ Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 4:

A3  
CONCL. Another aspect of the present invention is a data recording/reproducing  
apparatus in accordance with said first invention, characterized in that when not  
executing writing of said new data, said file management means notifies to outside  
that writing of said new data is not executed, and accepts an instruction in  
response to the notification from outside.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 11: